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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract
- Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

15 pages of specification and claims (including 24 numbered claims), and  
5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

- Attached is a Power of Attorney.
- Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
9914074.1	Great Britain	16 June 1999
PCT/GB00/02334		16 June 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
- Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
- This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/014,920, filed December 14, 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
- The prior application is assigned to BTG International Limited, London, England,
- It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
- Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.
- Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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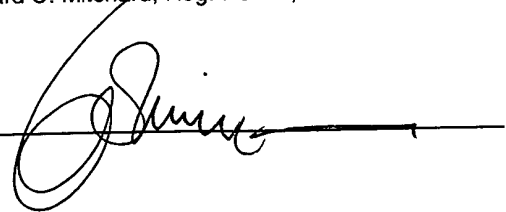
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